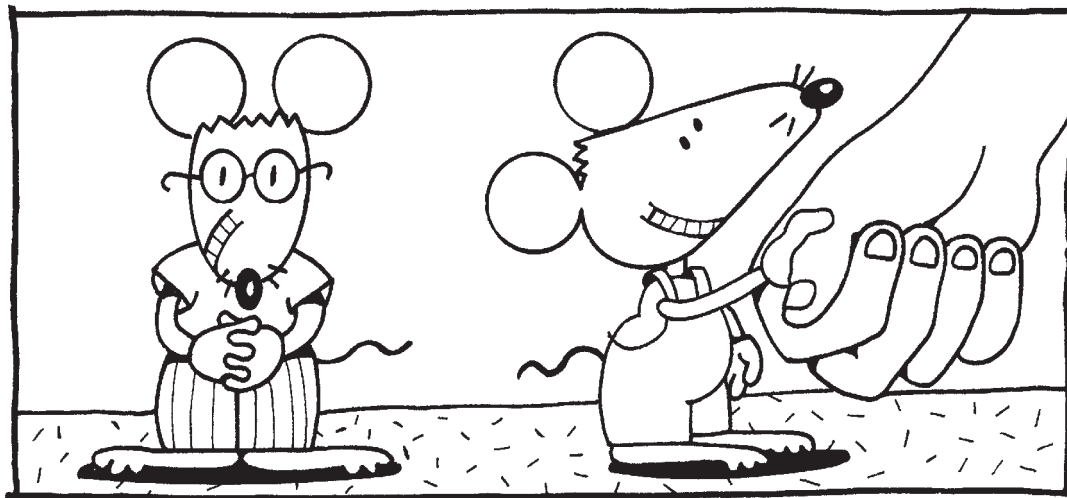


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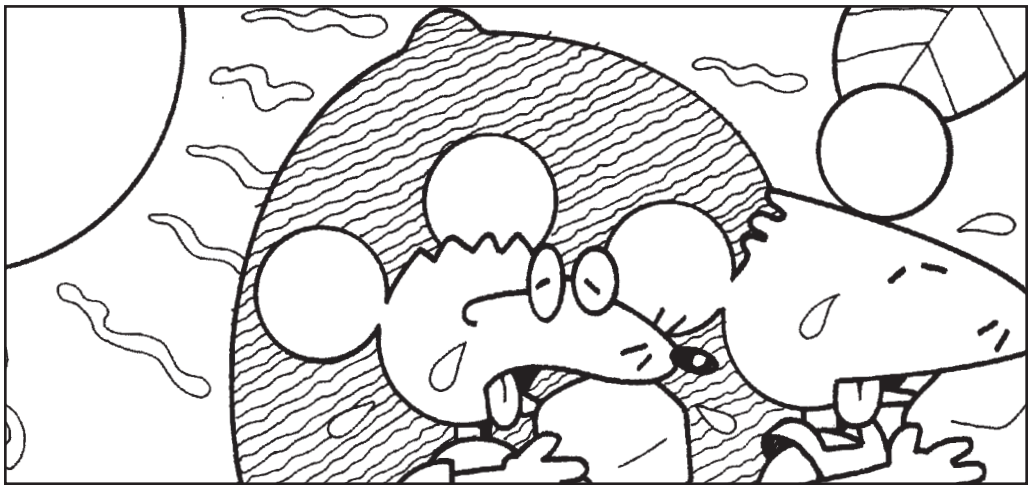
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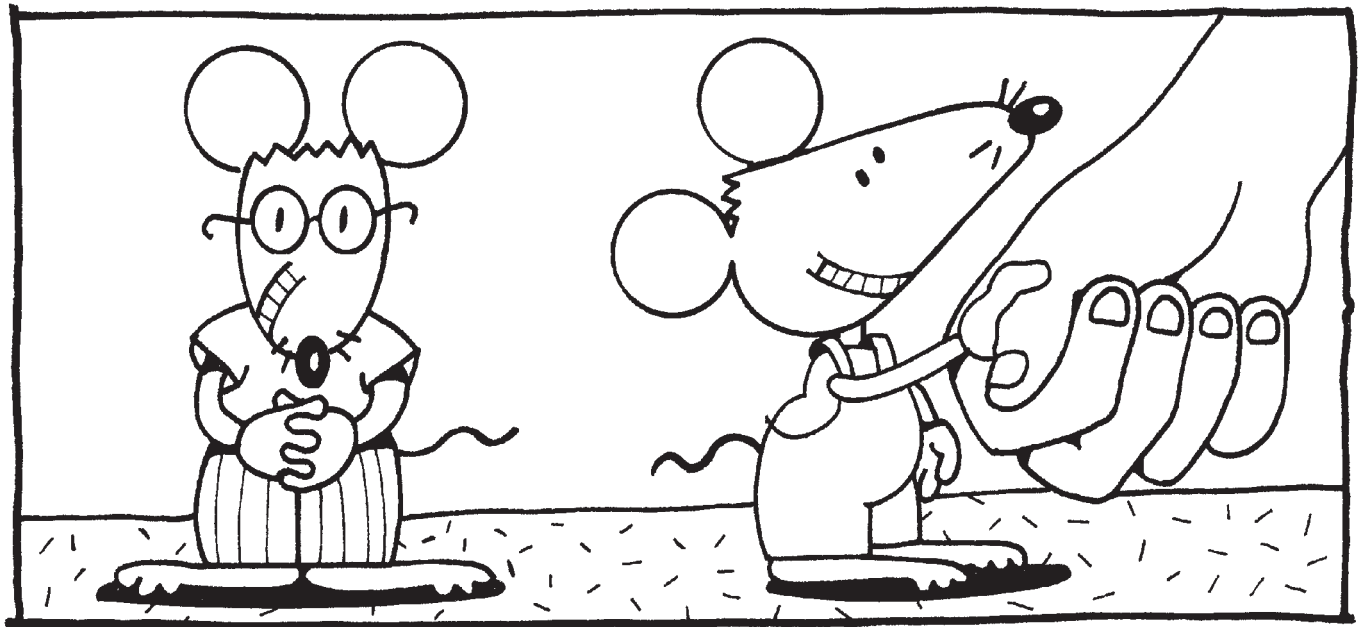


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New high-frequency words	every, far, pick
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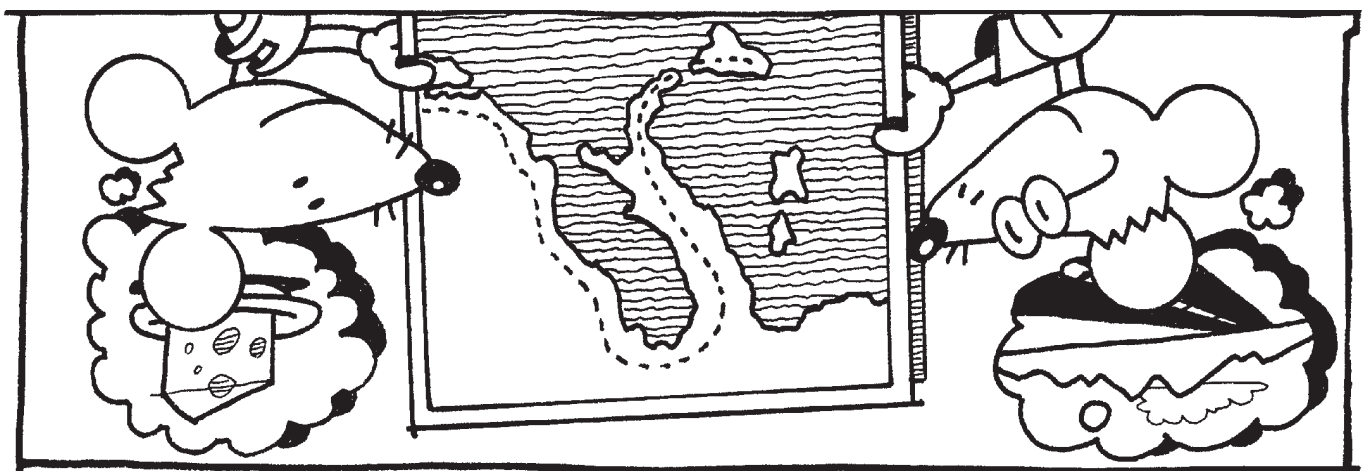


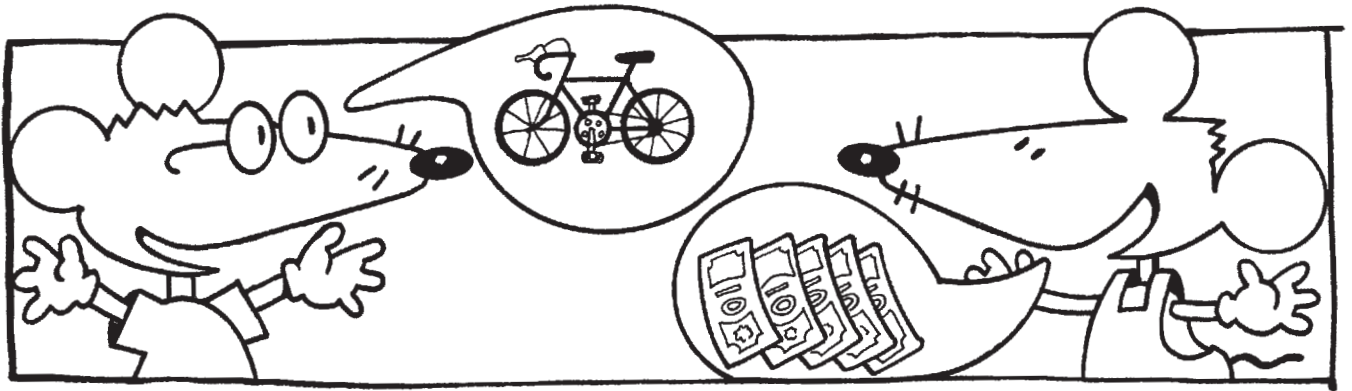
Mike and Spike were quite nice mice.
They smiled a lot,
and they were well liked.

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Mike asked Spike to take a trip
with him.
He wanted to go far and wide.
He wanted to go to nice sites.
And he wanted to dine
in fine places.

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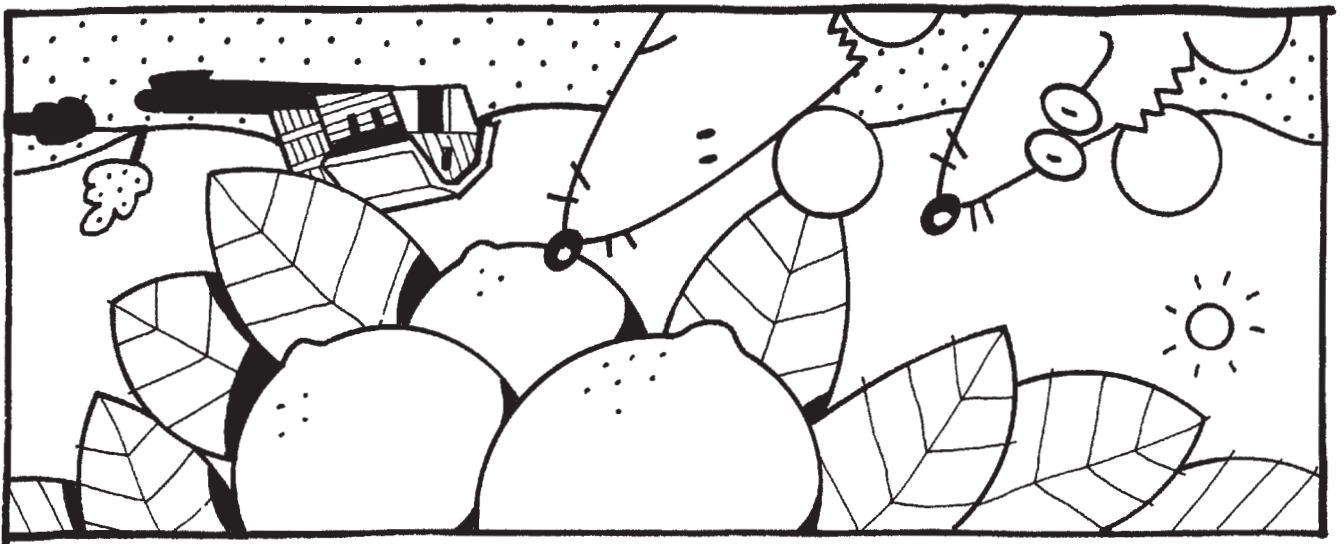


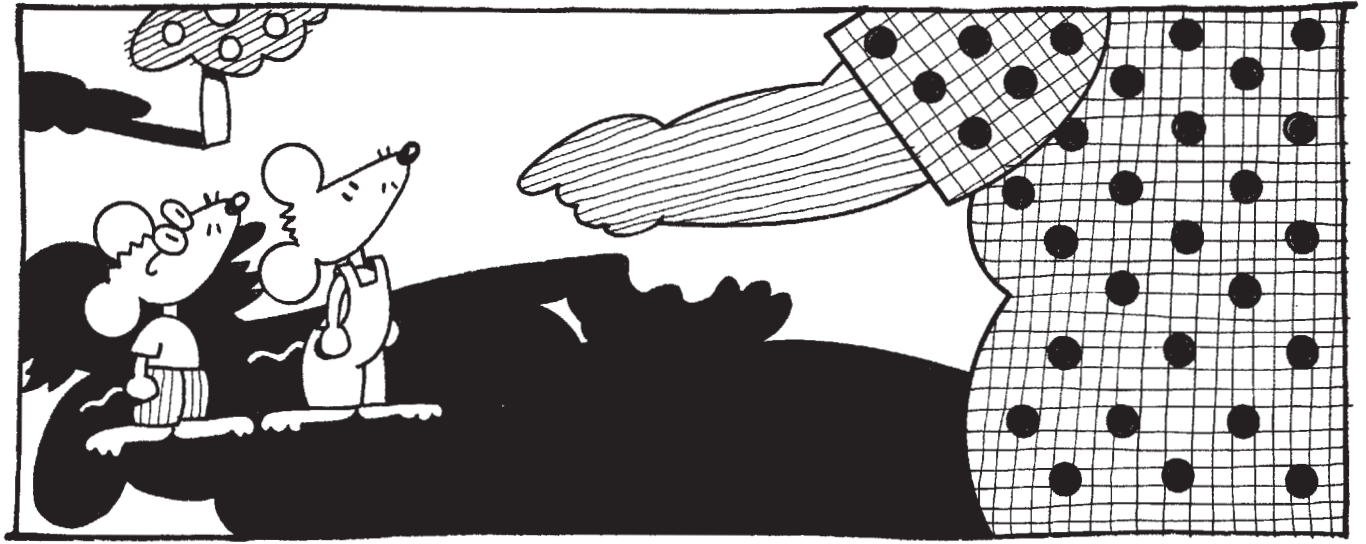
Mike said, "We will ride bikes
on the trip.
If we ride bikes, it will take
more time but it will cost less.
I hope we can get a job
to make money for the trip."

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Mike and Spike got a job.
They were hired to pick limes
on the slope of a hill.



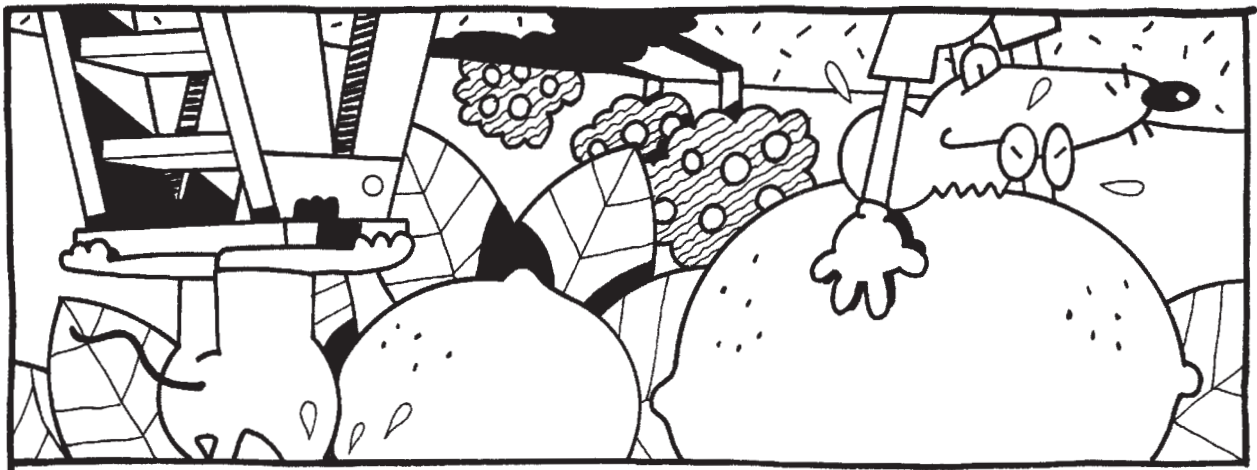


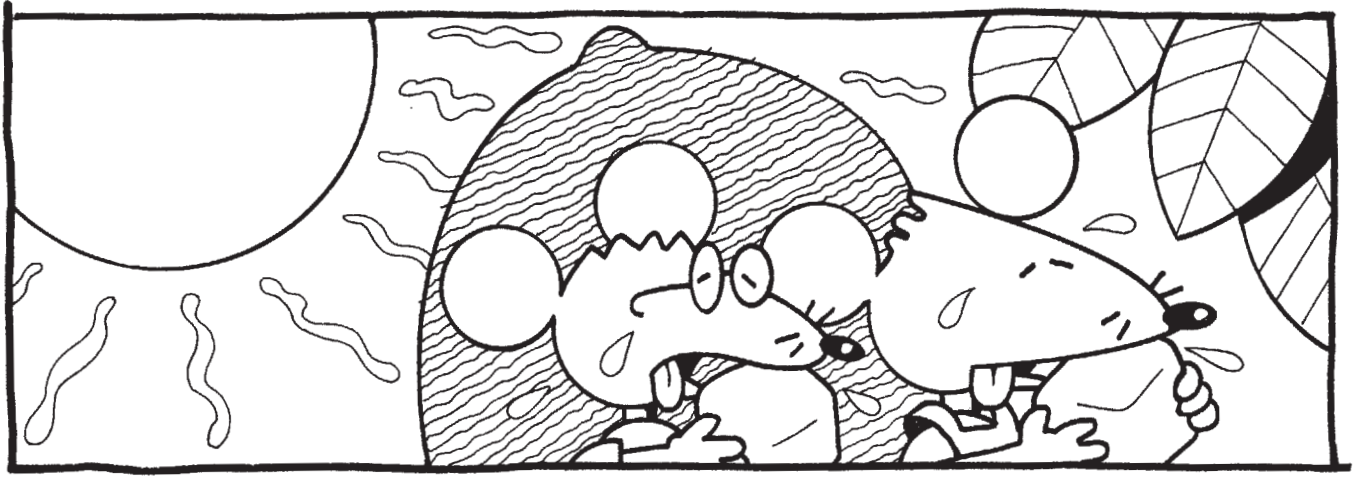
The boss and his wife said to
pick just ripe limes.
"You must pick them ripe.
If we have to tell you twice,
we will have to fire you," they said.

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Mike and Spike got a dime
for every lime they picked.
They picked a lot of limes.
They picked from nine until nine.





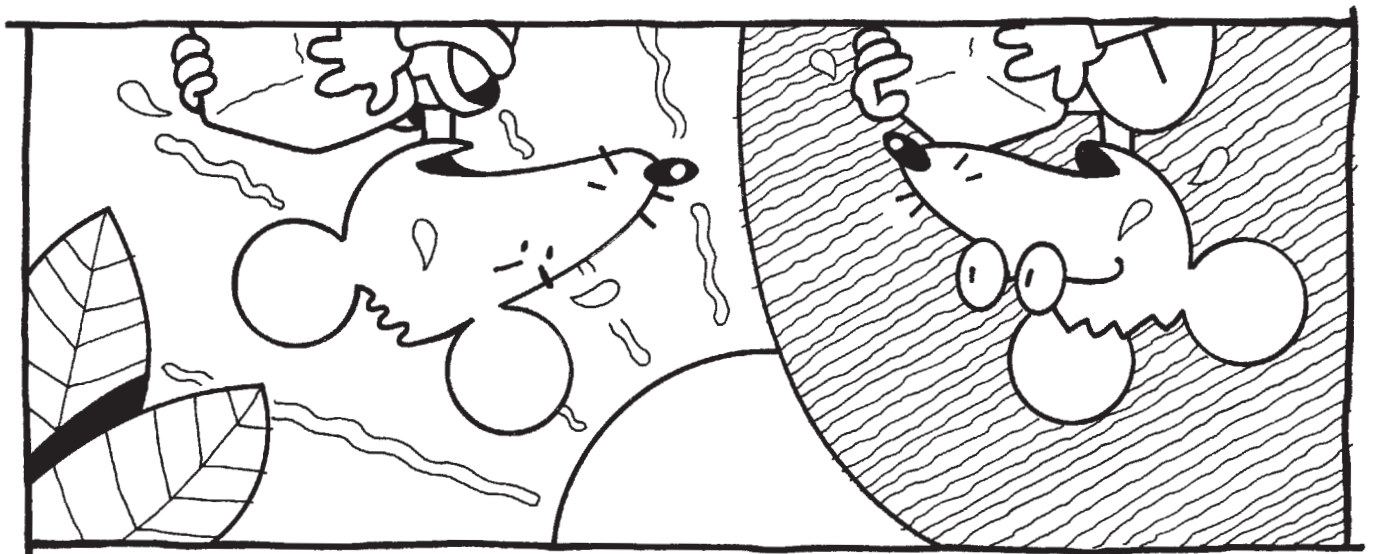
They picked limes in the hot sun.
They ate lots of ice.

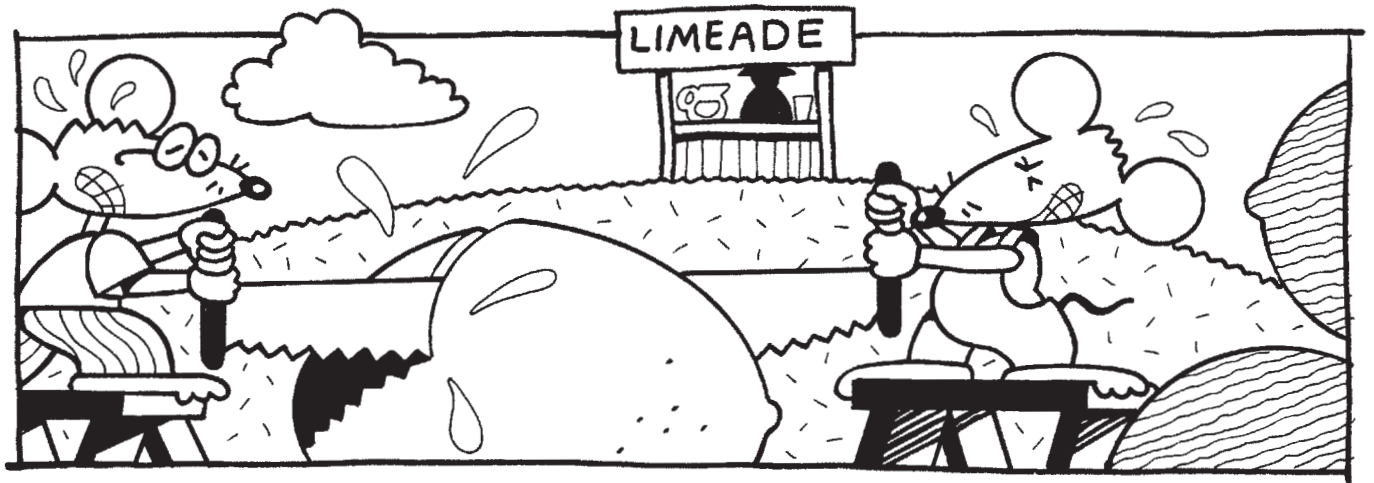
Mike said, "It is too hot
to pick limes.
I want to go on strike."

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Spike said, "No, you cannot strike.
The prize for picking limes
is the bike trip.
We must pick more limes
if we want to go on the trip."

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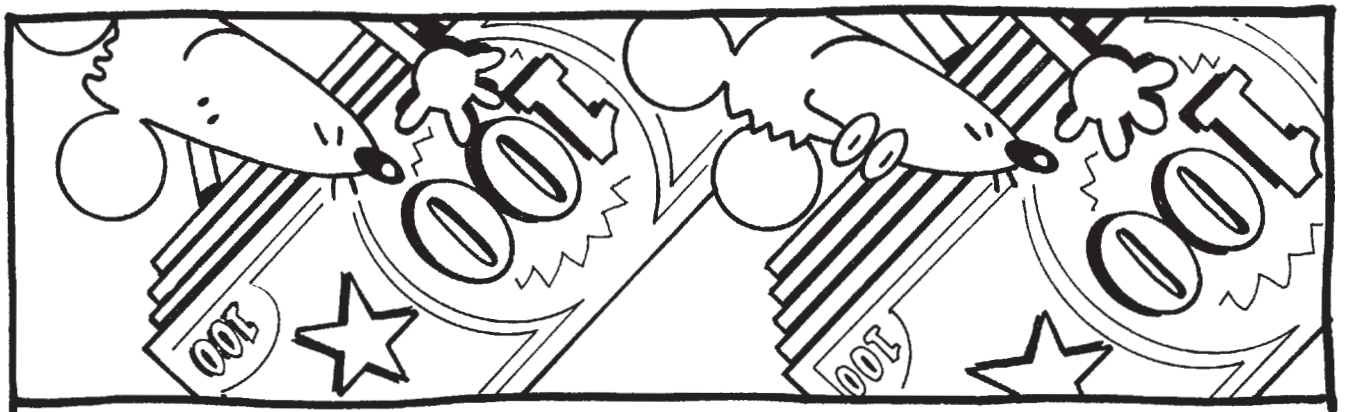


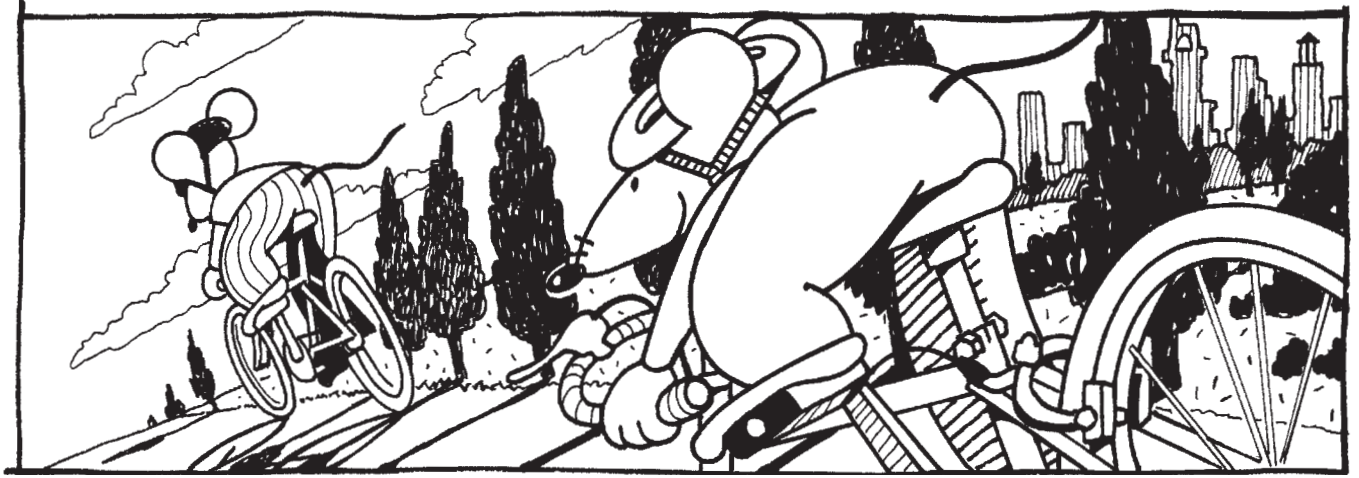
They made a big pile of limes.
 They helped the wife of the boss
 slice the limes to make
 a fine lime drink.
 She got a nice price
 for the lime drink.

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Mike and Spike made
 lots of money for their trip.
 They made nine hundred dollars.
 Then they left to take their trip.





Spike and Mike went far and wide
on their bikes.
They biked nine miles every day.
At the end of the day, they dined
on lots of fine rice.

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Life was quite nice for the mice.
They liked the life they had.
It made them smile.

